

Hughesville Borough Council Minutes

July 14, 2008 – 7:00 PM

Council members present – H. Thomas Eddy, Jeffrey Berger, Robert Carichner, Sandra Crier (7:35), Mayor Welsh

Staff present - Dale Cahn, J. Howard Langdon, Dolores Moyer, Chief Shearer and Diane Senseman

Residence and Guests – Alissa Eaton (Sun-Gazette), Raymond Falls (Veterans Monument), Greg Houseknecht, Ray Spotts, Marion Payne, Randle Sayman, Barry Sones, Greg Shuck (Home Heating), Stephen Sumner (Gannon Associates), Andy Mook

The regular meeting of the Hughesville Borough Council was called to order by Council President Pro Tem Jeffrey Berger at 7:35 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda – July 14, 2008, Tom Eddy moved, seconded by Bob Carichner. Motion passed.

Approve last month's minutes – June 9, 2008, Tom Eddy moved, seconded by Bob Carichner. Motion passed. Dale Cahn said that Diane Senseman's name was not included on the staff list. Tom Eddy asked if she was volunteering to be at the council meetings. Senseman said no she was being paid. Cahn said he was being paid. Moyer was asked if she was being paid. Moyer said no. Bob Carichner said Moyer should be paid as well. Moyer declined payment because when salaries are awarded in January they don't include overtime. By accepting payment the budget will be in the red. Bob Carichner said that it will be discussed again at budget time. Tom Eddy moved that Senseman be added to the staff present, seconded by Bob Carichner. Motion passed.

Solicitor's Report – J. Howard Langdon said he will update council during the closed session about the Daye lawsuit.

Hughesville Water Authority – Jeff Berger read reports. Tom Eddy moved to approve, seconded by Bob Carichner. Motion passed.

Police Report – Chief Shearer reported June's police activity; he also related the grim news about the police cruisers and the desperate need to purchase a new one. The estimate for a new one is about \$30,000.00 (state contract price). Two of the present cruisers will be phased out because the borough can not afford the expensive repairs; vehicles will be eliminated by sealed bid offers. Bob Carichner moved to accept bid, seconded by Tom Eddy. Motion passed. Dale Cahn noted that he has made several requests to have the backhoe replaced and that there are several other pieces of equipment that need to be replaced soon. Council tabled that issue and it will be discussed later.

Emergency Management – Frank Welsh spoke about the Symposium 9-11

Public Works Report – Dale Cahn said that although HRI, Inc received the bid for paving, the bid price changes according to the Oil Index. Council agreed that we should contact HRI as soon as possible and get the work done. Cahn said that he would call them.

Zoning Report – Code Inspections, Inc.

East Lycoming Recreation Authority – Attached July Minutes

Treasurer's Report –	General Fund - Check#	5937 - 5979	\$ 14,453.42
	Payroll - Direct Deposit		\$ 19,441.03
	ACH Debits		\$ 15,107.16
	Water Fund - Check#	597 – 614	\$ 23, 308.90
	Liquid Fuels - Check#		
	Capital Fund - Check#		

Bob Carichner moved, seconded by Tom Eddy. Motion passed.

Borough Secretary – Dee Moyer said that a resident inquired about the pedestrian crossing signs similar to the ones used at hospital crossings. Council said that they didn't think it was appropriate for our downtown area.

Business –

- Gregory Shuck, Home Heating Inc. asked for Council approval of his plans to tear down his existing storage shed and replace it with a 10' X 16' addition to his existing building. There would be no separate entrance and it will only be used for storage. Tom Eddy moved and Bob Carichner seconded to approve this nonconforming use. Motion passed. The Zoning Hearing Board will schedule a hearing and make the final decision on Shucks request.
- Steve Sumner, Gannon Associates discussed proposal for the 2008-2009 insurance covering both the Borough and the Water Authority. Council asked if there were any other bids; Moyer replied that the Council President didn't want any other bids because of the existing lawsuit. Bob Carichner moved to accept the bid of \$37,995, seconded by Tom Eddy. Motion passed. Council also decided against optional Terrorism Insurance for \$482.
- Code Inspections, Inc. – Bob Carichner moved to accept the rate changes, seconded by Tom Eddy. Motion passed 3 – 1. Crier voted No
- Tom Eddy moved to approve Fireworks Permit for Lycoming County Fair Association, seconded by Sandy Crier. Motion passed.
- River Valley Transit Audit, to review ask Dee for copy.
- River Valley semi-annual report for 2008
- Sandy Crier moved to endorse the Go21 Group (renewing the rail system), seconded by Tom Eddy. Motion passed. Tom Eddy and Dee Moyer met with Nick Sciallo, State Director last month. Sciallo will come back at another time to meet with area businesses.
- Lycoming County Planning Commission 2009-2012 Transportation study – ask Dee for copy
- Notice of application from Chief Oil & Gas, LLC for project approval with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission.
- Discussed revisions to the Skateboard Ordinance which will include NO Skateboarding, a \$100 fine and a 90 day suspension of the skateboard. Council will vote after the Ordinance is advertised.
- Policing Race Street – requires ordinance from Wolf Township.
- Revision of Ordinance to sidewalks and Streetscape.
- Water Certification and GIS classes
- Construction Specialties parking lot plans; Zoning Officer will review and respond to the County Planning Commission.
- Paradigm Pa Pipeline Safety Awareness

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY – Carichner/Eddy are checking several properties that may have potential tree violations.

PERSONNEL – Eddy/Carichner are working on the Non-uniform personnel manual. During the June 24th staff meeting borough employees were given until August 1, 2008 to write their job descriptions.

Mayor Welsh introduced Greg Houseknecht. At a previous meeting Michael Gray was approved for Act 120 Training and Education Act but has been delayed for a medical condition. Bob Carichner moved that Houseknecht be accepted into that slot, seconded by Sandy Crier. Motion passed 4 - 0. ROLL CALL: Carichner – Y; Berger – Y; Crier – Y; Eddy – Y. Houseknecht will start training on August 6, 2008.

Adjournment – 10:00 PM. Bob Carichner moved to adjourn, seconded by Sandy Crier. Motion passed.